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## CITY'S SERVER TO COLLOCATE AT PURDUE

*a collaborative effort between City and University*

**West Lafayette, IN – January 22, 2013** – In their ongoing partnership, City of West Lafayette and Purdue University officials signed a Memorandum of License Agreement to collocate one of the City's computer file servers and switch to the Indiana Computer Systems' data center at Freehafer Hall on Purdue's campus.

Under the terms of the agreement, the City will collocate one 1U file server, with 1U being the standard measurement for the vertical usable space or height of racks to hold hardware devices. The unit of measurement refers to the space between shelves on a rack, with a 1U equal to 1.75 inches.

According to West Lafayette Mayor John Dennis, the recently signed agreement is one more example of the ongoing collaboration between the City and Purdue.

“Fully recognizing the value of the City and Purdue's close proximity and the very positive working relationship we have established, we always are seeking ways to strengthen that bond for the benefit of everyone – particularly, West Lafayette citizens.

“When we began this journey, we knew our storage would double nearly every year and that our server and network needs also would increase at a rapid rate. We knew we wanted to be innovative with our data storage solutions. When we looked at Purdue's infrastructure, we quickly realized they could provide us several services we constantly need such as shared storage, virtual servers and redundancy without a huge, upfront cost.

“With Purdue's large data storage capacity and the fact the City already had fiber near Freehafer Hall, we are able to securely lease storage space and collocate our file server, thereby benefiting from their sophisticated infrastructure, including dual cooling units and a raised floor that provides for a better distribution system for cabling.

“Cooling and powering our own data center at this level is cost-prohibitive. Therefore, at a much lower cost of approximately \$1,000 annually, we will benefit from what Purdue already has in operation. We are hopeful this joint venture will lead to future endeavors between the City and Purdue with shared storage and computing arrangements,” Dennis said.

With the West Lafayette Board of Public Works and Safety's approval of the license agreement today, the collocation of the City's file server and switch went into effect immediately.

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For questions or interview requests, contact Mayor Dennis at 765-775-5100 or Purdue Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer Dr. Gerry McCartney at 765-494-6181.